

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/876,702

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimers filed on 02/03/05. All previously made rejections are now withdrawn.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7 and 8 renumbered as 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06/07/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.


Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date herewith
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. Upon further review and updating the search the Examiner came across Application 10/152953 and USPN's 6315324, 6733037, 6796583 which all could have rendered a Double Patenting rejection. Consequently, Applicant was contacted and asked to submit Terminal Disclaimers for the aforesaid references in order to facilitate prosecution. Applicant has submitted the required Terminal Disclaimers on 02/03/05 over all four aforesaid references and the Application is thus allowed for reasons of record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT (repeated from allowance dated 05/28/04)

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Charlotte Wilson on 04/30/04.

The application has been amended as follows: please the correct the status identifiers of the claims. This listing of claims supercedes any prior listing:

- *In claims 1-6 prior to the claim language the status identifier should state - (Cancelled)—as set forth below:*

Claim 1. --(Cancelled)-- A fabric blank comprising a woven fabric on which a pattern wise configuration of air bag panels, first tether panels, and a second tether panels is arranged in nesting relation, said first tether panels being cut in alignment with the warp and fill of said woven fabric, and second tether panels being cut on the bias with respect to the warp and fill of said woven fabric.

Claim 2. --(Cancelled)-- The fabric blank of Claim 8 wherein said first tether panels and said second tether panels are substantially rectangular in shape and are congruent.

Claim 3. --(Cancelled)-- The fabric blank of Claim 8 further including a plurality of circular reinforcements, said circular reinforcements having a diameter that approximates the width of said first and second tether panels.

Claim 4. --(Cancelled)-- The fabric blank of Claim 7 further including a plurality of circular vent reinforcements, said vent reinforcements having a diameter that is less than the diameter of said circular reinforcements.

Claim 5. --(Cancelled)-- A system of air bag components for use in constructing an air bag having first and second tethers, said air bag components having been cut from a woven fabric having warp yarns and fill yarns, said system comprising a plurality of first tether panels having been cut in alignment with the warp or fill of said woven fabric and a plurality of second tether panels having been cut on a bias with respect to the warp or fill of said woven fabric.

Claim 6. --(Cancelled)-- The system of Claim 5 wherein said first tether panels and said second tether panels are substantially rectangular in shape and are congruent.

- *In claim 7 prior to the claim language the status identifier should state -*
(Currently amended)--,

Claim 7. --(Currently amended)-- A system of air bag components for use in constructing an air bag having first and second tethers, said air bag components having been cut from a woven fabric having warp yarns and fill yarns, said system comprising a plurality of first tether panels having been cut in alignment with the warp or fill of said woven fabric and a plurality of second tether panels having been cut on a bias with respect to the warp or fill of said woven fabric, and wherein said system further comprises a plurality of circular reinforcements, each of said circular reinforcements having a diameter that approximates the width of said first and second tether panels.

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- *In claim 8 prior to the claim language the status identifier should state --*

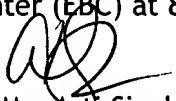
(Previously presented)--.

² Claim ~~8~~. --(Previously presented)-- The system of Claim ¹~~7~~ wherein said system further comprises a plurality of circular vent reinforcements, each of said circular vent reinforcements having a diameter that is less than the diameter of said circular reinforcements.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Arti Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-7pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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